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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
JEFFREY MERCADO, TYRONE PRINGLE,
ADAM ROMAN, KEVIN KNOIS, and
EDWARD KALANZ, on behalf of themselves
and others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY and TRIBOROUGH BRIDGE
AND TUNNEL AUTHORITY,

Defendants.

ANALISA TORRES, District Judge:

20 Civ. 6533 (AT)

ORDER


On September 15, 2020, Defendants moved to stay briefing on Plaintiffs' motion for conditional class certification pending a resolution on Defendants' motion to consolidate this case with *Joseph, et al. v. Metropolitan Transportation Authority, et al.*, No. 20 Civ. 5776. ECF No. 51; *see also* ECF No. 62. Plaintiffs oppose this request, arguing that any delay in conditionally certifying the class would delay providing potential class members with notice. ECF Nos. 61, 68.

Certifying a conditional class under the Fair Labor Standards Act "authorizes [Plaintiffs] to send notice to potential collective action members," facilitating prompt notice and efficient discovery. *Ramos v. PJJ Rest. Corp.*, No. 15 Civ. 5672, 2016 WL 1106373, at *2 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 10, 2016). Defendants have not presented any persuasive reason to delay a determination that would initiate that process until after the Court has ruled on consolidation.

Accordingly, Defendants' request to stay briefing is DENIED.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 30, 2020
New York, New York



ANALISA TORRES
United States District Judge